

received word that the Department of the Army had approved the establishment of a Reserve Officer Training Corps within the curriculum. On 19 September 1951, Colonel Roy P. Moss, officially opened the Military Science Department of Providence College Transport Corps Unit. In 1951–52, the original student enrollment was 512 cadets and in 1953, the first class of seven received commissions in the Transportation Corps.

In the 1954–55 academic year, the unit was re-designated as a General Military Science program. In 1956, a rifle range was built and had its official inauguration as Company K-12. During the Vietnam era, the ROTC program at PC provided many qualified officers and as a result of the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964, students from local colleges without programs became eligible to participate. The act also resulted in both four-year and two-year ROTC scholarships going into effect.

In the late 60's and early 70's, changing public opinion lead to a decline in enrollment in programs throughout the country until the revitalization of ROTC began in the 1973–74 academic year as women were allowed to enroll. In 1982, Bryant College was added to the Patriot Battalion and along with Brown University, Johnson & Wales University, UMASS Dartmouth, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, Bristol Community College. As of May 2000, 1,690 officers have been commissioned through the Providence College Program.

The ROTC Program at Providence College was recognized in 1996 as one of the top programs in New England and the New York area. As it celebrates this milestone in the history of the program, we pause to recognize the many students who have learned about the history and structure of our military and who have gone on to study tactical operations and military instruction as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership and command. These proud cadets have earned scholarships and upon graduation are Commissioned Officers in the Army.

The strength of this program lies in patriotism and dedication to duty. The Patriotic Battalion faculty and staff are indeed to be commended for the success of the program and for the significant part they play in instilling leadership and good citizenship in these young people. I would respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the proud tradition of the Providence College ROTC Program on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO ED HILL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to congratulate Ed Hill, the new president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW, on his election.

You know, when I think about all the hard work and long hours presidents

Hill and Barry have put in over the years, I am reminded of a story that one of my heroes, the great Hubert H. Humphrey liked to tell.

It was Humphrey's 65th birthday, and he was celebrating with his grandchildren. One of the grandkids looked up and said, "Grandpa, how long have you been a Democrat?"

Humphrey thought about that for a moment, and replied, "Well, I've been a Democrat for 70 years."

His grandson said, "Grandpa, how could you have been a Democrat for 70 years when you're only 65 years old?"

"Easy," Humphrey answered, "I've put in a lot of overtime."

Well, Ed Hill has put in a lot of overtime on behalf of the IBEW and on behalf of all Americans.

You know, I like to tell people you go to any town in America rural or urban, big or small and you will see the IBEW's work on display. Whether it is lighting our homes, or heating our schools, or bringing the Internet to our libraries, it is clear that the IBEW's work is critical to our families and our economy.

Ed Hill hails from Beaver County, PA, and he is got a long history with the IBEW. Ed joined IBEW Local 712 in his hometown back in 1956 and worked his way up to business manager in 1970. He became part of the IBEW staff in 1982, and, by 1994, he was a vice president in charge of operations in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

In 1997, Ed became the IBEW's second highest-ranking officer, and he worked hard to bring the latest technology to IBEW's operations. He also spent long hours building the membership of IBEW-COPE to record levels and making new strides in grassroots activism and communications.

For over 100 years, the IBEW has been a leader in the union movement in America. Whether they were providing energy to our war efforts during World War II, creating one of the best apprenticeship programs around, or providing workers with the cutting edge skills they need to keep up with current electricity needs—IBEW was always ahead of the times.

I know that Ed Hill will continue this proud tradition. I thank him for his dedication and commitment, and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate to Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry withdrawals and nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 256. An act to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Dov S. Zakheim, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Powell A. Moore, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William J. Haynes II, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Edward C. Aldridge, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Donald A. Lamontagne, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Brian A. Arnold, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Kinnan, 0000